

## **Hearing on “International Human Rights and the Closing Civic Space”**

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Emilie Kao is an attorney who has defended religious freedom for the last 17 years. She worked on behalf of victims of religious freedom violations in East Asia and the Middle East at the State Department’s Office of International Religious Freedom, the law firm of Jus Cogens and the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Previously she worked at the United Nations in Geneva and the law firm of Latham and Watkins. She taught international human rights law at George Mason University Law School as an adjunct law professor. Emilie is a graduate of Harvard Law School where she received a J.D. and Harvard-Radcliffe College where she received an A.B. degree in Near Eastern Civilizations and Languages. She is a member of the Supreme Court Bar and the bar association of the District of Columbia.